

Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic Hosts Legal Studies Internship Program for Local High School Students

By Debra P. Parker

Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic

For the sixth year in a row, Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) Mid-Atlantic hosted students from the First Colonial High School Legal Studies Internship Program. The students' internship started on July 12, and ended with a graduation ceremony on July 20.

CAPT Michael T. Palmer, commanding officer, NLSO Mid-Atlantic was honored to welcome the legal studies internship students and hopes to continue this program next summer.

Legal Studies Internship Program Students were required to work 50 hours in a legal environment as part of their unpaid internship.

During their time at NLSO Mid-Atlantic, the

students received instruction in the areas of wills and estate planning, family law, immigration law, attorney/client privilege, conflicts of interests, personally identifiable information, leadership, military protocol, courtroom decorum, defense case preparation, and court-martial and Article 32 procedures. The interns also observed a pretrial hearing

and a general court-martial, toured USS *NEWPORT NEWS* (SSN 750) submarine, and visited the Naval Criminal Investigative Service where they learned about criminal forensics.

Three of the participants aspire to become judge advocates. When asked what they learned during their internship, Crandall Miller stated, "It is vital that the attorney is trusted by their client in order to get to the truth." Brandon Davis stated, "Ethics and good moral standing apply to everything the attorneys do." All of the students were particularly impressed that the attorneys work hard and still have fun.

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Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic staff and participants of the High School Legal Internship Program.

The Importance of Giving: Naval Justice School Toys for Tots Football Tournament

By LN2 Dexter Robison

Naval Justice School

I believe that if you have a good idea and a few good people, you can make big changes in this world. That's what happened in Los Angeles in 1947. Marine Corps Reservist Maj William Hendricks, along with a few other Marines, coordinated and collected over 5,000 toys for local children after Major Hendricks' wife couldn't find an organization to donate a doll to a child in need. The program was such a success that the following year the Toys for Tots program was launched as a national program. As of 2009, the Toys for Tots Foundation has collected and distributed almost five hundred million toys. The mission of the program "is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year and distribute those as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted."

I was one of those less fortunate children growing up. I was born and raised in Chicago, as the middle child of seven children. My parents didn't have the means to provide for us like other parents. Programs like Secret Santa, Toys for Tots, and the Salvation Army made it so that we didn't go without during the holidays. They provided us with toys, clothes,

and even food. When I joined the Navy, I vowed to always give back. Every year that I've been in the Navy, I've helped the less fortunate either by donating gifts, food, or money, or just giving a few hours of my day to local soup kitchens. I can remember the joy as I opened presents every Christmas and truly believe that is a joy every child should have.

As football season picked up, I found the perfect way to give back. I proposed to the NJS staff a flag football game between Marines and Sailors in which each participant donated a toy for the Toys for Tots program. With the help of both Navy and Marine Corps staff members, a round robin football tournament was created.

Before we knew it, we had six team captains and by the end of the first week we had over 40 people who agreed to attend the event. The football tournament was held on Nov. 16 and the winner of the tournament was the Basic Lawyer Course, which was comprised of Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard members.

Everyone who came out either to play or watch had a lot of fun, and as a result of everyone's good will, NJS contributed around 120 toys, which will be distributed to children in the local area. This tournament was such a hit that NJS wants it to become an annual event.

2010 Annual U.S./Japan Law Day

*LT Louis E. Butler
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Fourteen Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Japan and Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) Pacific personnel represented the U.S. Navy at the U.S./Japan Law Day reception held in June. United States Forces Japan (USFJ) hosts this annual reception, attended by area legal professionals. Lt. Gen. Edward Rice, Jr., USFJ, and Ms. Keiko Chiba, Japanese Minister of Justice, were the keynote speakers. This year's theme was "Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions and Emerging Challenges."

CDR Brandon Keith commented that "[the Law Day Reception] is a wonderful opportunity for us to exchange contact information and meet face-to-face with the area JAGs and local Japanese legal professionals we rely on daily, usually via email and phone."

Members from the other uniformed services, their Japanese Self-Defense Force counterparts, U.S. Embassy personnel, and members of the Japanese Ministry of Justice and Public Prosecutor's Office were also in attendance.



LTJG Josh Fryday, NLSO Pacific, CDR Brandon Keith, FJA, CNFJ and XO RLSO Japan, CAPT Bradley Cordts, CO, NR RLSO Japan, CAPT Rex Guinn, CO RLSO Japan, LT Louis Butler, DFJA, CNFJ, RLSO Japan, Mr. Hitoshi Ichikawa, Japanese Legal Advisor, CNFJ, RLSO Japan, LT Eric Nelson, TC, RLSO Japan, LT Jonathan Flynn, SJA, CFAY, RLSO Japan, LNCS(SW/SCW/AW) Catherine Sauter, NLSO Pacific.

Reserve Enlisted Military Law Training Symposium

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Nearly 80 Reserve legalman assembled in Salt Lake City, Utah, for their annual Military Law Training Symposium July 16-19.

The Judge Advocate General, VADM James W. Houck and the Deputy Judge Advocate General (Reserve Affairs and Operations), RADM Steven Talson, were both in attendance to emphasize the vital link between the Active

and Reserve Components. VADM Houck praised the reservists and noted the contributions they have made in support of the overseas contingency operations, especially those who have performed individual augmentee (IA) assignments.

RADM Talson echoed this praise and presented letters of commendation to several IA veterans including: LNC Erin Wilmer, LNC Marie Roman, LNC Jeremy Lloyd, LN1 Rowena Tolentino, LN1 Denise Oliviera, LN1 Hamite Arifi, LN1 Mary Whorton, LN1 Tina Whiteside, LN1 Marsha Murray, LN2 Deron Brantley, LN2 James Tiller, LN2 Celeste Dunlap, LN2 Shirley Perez, and LN2 Rodney Washington.

Several additional legalman were also honored with awards for their performance this past year, including: LNCS Sheila Davis, who received the Master Chief Delbert Black Award for Leadership; and LN1 Jennifer Bailey, who received the Reserve Legalman Sailor of the Year Award. The Deputy JAG also presented Rear Admiral Hugh Howell Awards to three sailors for their personal efforts and contributions to the Reserve Law Program: LN2 Melissa Albright; LN2 Annessa Dyette; and LN2 Audrey Porter.



Deputy Judge Advocate General (Reserve Affairs and Operations) RADM Steven Talson, LNCM Jeffery Lüthi, LNCS Jane McIntosh and LNCS Michael Conley with recipients of the letters of commendation.

LN Assists with NECC, Peruvian Navy Partnership Visit

MC2(SW) Michael R. Hinchcliffe
Navy Expeditionary Combat Command

A recent visit by a Peruvian submarine to Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) forces was made all the more effective through the efforts of LN2 Marina Caloca from NECC Legal Office in Virginia Beach, Va.

CAPT de Fragata Luis Del Carpio Alzaga, Angamos commanding officer, gave CAPT Rudy Laco, NECC Chief of Staff, a tour of the submarine, building on a relationship that began during a U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) partnership exercise, when Laco served as the commodore of Destroyer Squadron 40. The coordination for the tour began when LN2 Caloca, a fluent Spanish speaker, facilitated the telephone conversation between the two senior officers.

CAPT Laco said the importance of these partnerships is the lasting impact they have for future ventures. "What we are seeing around the world is a request for our (NECC's) capabilities," said CAPT Laco.



Peruvian Navy CAPT de Fragata Luis Del Carpio, center, commanding officer of BAP Angamos, speaks with CAPT Rodelio Laco, chief of staff of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and LN2 Marina Caloca.

"There's a demand for NECC forces to support the maritime strategy, not in just the combat operations but also in the phase zero type operations when we are building relationships." CAPT Laco requested LN2 Caloca to accompany him and other NECC staff members on a tour of the submarine to

further provide translation assistance.

Upon completion of the tour, CAPT Del Carpio presented CAPT Laco with a ship's plaque as a memento of the visit. CAPT Laco later directed the presentation of the plaque to LN2 Caloca in appreciation for her contribution to the successful visit.

Navy Legalman Association Unveils New Website

By LN1 Wayne Baker
Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic

The Navy Legalman Association (NLA), established on Oct. 20, 2004, has had its ups and downs since its inception. It has struggled to become a viable and successful association. Many legalmen, when asked to join the association or renew their membership, have asked the infamous question, "What has it done for me lately?" It was the quest to find a legitimate answer to this question that led the current NLA leadership to make significant changes to the association and create the new website which was unveiled in April 2010 (www.navylegalmanassociation.com). "In order to make the association effective we had to find ways to benefit members that were spread around the globe. The answer was not as easy as doing a morale-building outing or putting together study groups. Thankfully, we had the incredible idea and motivation to create a website. We were all able to brainstorm about the content and I think we finally have something that every member can say they are getting something more than a National Federation of Paralegals Association (NFPA)

membership from our association," explained LN1 Tiffany Burks, NLA National President.

The following tools, benefits, and resources have been added to the website:

Online membership applications and dues payments:

One of the main disconnects in maintaining accountability of membership records in the past is that new applicants did not know where to send their application forms or how to pay their dues. With NLA officers and regional directors transferring commands and changing e-mail addresses often, many applications were lost and payment confirmations were never received. The online submission form and dues payment options on the home page are designed to send a member's application and payment confirmation via e-mail to all NLA national officers at association email addresses, which are passed down to new officers upon relief of office. Additionally, members may still choose to pay using their checking accounts by clicking on the "Pay Dues Using Your Checking Account" link and following the instructions to

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SJA for Naval Air Station Lemoore Flies in F/A-18

By LT Liam Connel
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I reported to Naval Air Station Lemoore in August 2009 as the staff judge advocate and officer in charge of Region Legal Service Office Southwest, Detachment Lemoore. The base is home to four carrier air wings, comprised of fourteen operational F/A-18 squadrons, along with two training squadrons, essentially the entire striking power of the Navy's West Coast carrier strike groups. The pilots keep me busy, but they are most appreciative of the help judge advocates provide. Maintaining proficiency for flying and preparing for deployments are extremely time consuming, and the last thing a squadron commanding officer wants to do is engage in lengthy discussions on esoteric points of law regarding a court-martial or administrative separation. Being an effective staff judge advocate requires giving advice that is both accurate and concise. It is imperative that your command clients understand that you are not there to complicate their job but, rather, your goal is to make their job easier.

I had the good fortune to fly in the backseat of an F-18 E/F Super Hornet "Rhino" in mid-February 2010. The experience has helped me better understand the business of my command clients and, best of all, it was incredibly fun. Pulling 7 Gs was a highlight, the blood draining from my head as my G-suit and grunted breathing struggled to keep me conscious. Luckily, I did not suffer from G-LOC (G-induced Loss of Consciousness) and the zip-lock bag I had conveniently tucked in my flight suit was not needed.

To get "backseat" qualified within a short window of time, I had to be cleared by a flight surgeon, attend aviation physiology training, and a wild ride on an ejection seat training sled. Having pilots advocate for me along the way was crucial, as it was command clients that enrolled me in the necessary courses and made sure the proper authorizations were signed. The only downside of this advocacy was a concerted but ultimately futile effort by my pilot to make me sick. It was an experience of a lifetime and a great perk of being stationed in Lemoore.



LT Liam Connel during his flight in an F-18 E/F Super Hornet.





Hampton Roads Joint JAG Exchange

Creating Interservice Connections Among Local JAG Communities

By LTJG Lauren Hugel
Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic

This summer, junior judge advocates from the Air Force, Army, and Navy participated in the first Hampton Roads Joint JAG Exchange. For three days, the judge advocates got to experience legal practice in another service.

Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) Mid-Atlantic hosted an Army JAG Corps captain, the Air Force Legal Office at Langley Air Force Base hosted a Navy JAG Corps lieutenant junior grade, and the Army Legal Assistance Office at Fort Monroe hosted an Air Force JAG Corps captain.

The idea to arrange this interservice exchange came out of a joint social hosted last year at Fort Monroe. The inspiration was born of the awareness that, while the Hampton Roads military installations are close geographically, local JAG Corps officers from the different services rarely have the opportunity to interact and get to know each other.

The objective of the Joint JAG Exchange is to encourage the development of interpersonal relationships among judge advocates of the different services on both a professional and personal level. Although each branch has its own customs and traditions, the exchange is designed to promote a realization that the differences among JAG Corps are insignificant compared to the commonalities of practice. The hope is that the Joint JAG Exchange will foster an increased dialogue and sharing of resources and experiences within the Hampton Roads interservice JAG community and create lasting relationships. Additionally, the exchange will enable each branch of service to

see what the other branches do differently, thereby sharing and improving upon best practices.

Based on the experiences of the judge advocates who took part in the exchange, the Hampton Roads Joint JAG Exchange has been successful in accomplishing its goals. CPT Mike Millios, the Army JAG from Fort Monroe who participated in the Exchange at NLSO Mid-Atlantic, reflected that “the Hampton Roads Joint JAG Exchange was a great opportunity for company grade officers to get exposure to other services. One never knows when they are going to be tapped for an individual augmentee deployment to a joint forces unit. It was a great chance to develop professionally and meet a bunch of great Navy folks. I encourage my fellow judge advocates to jump at the next exchange opportunity.”

LTJG Chris Hutton, a judge advocate at NLSO Mid-Atlantic, spent three days with Air Force judge advocates at the Langley Air Force Base Legal Office. LTJG Hutton had only positive things to say about his time at Langley AFB. “My experience at the Langley Air Force Legal Office was fantastic. From the moment I got there I was treated like family. We discussed the way we handle legal issues and clients, the differences between our two services, and how we could increase interservice interaction and camaraderie,” explained Hutton. In the weeks since LTJG Hutton’s time with the Air Force, the Navy and Air Force commands have continued to foster that camaraderie with members of both commands coming together for social events and command softball games. NLSO Mid-Atlantic Commanding Officer CAPT Michael Palmer looks forward to continuing and expanding this program.

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transfer money to the association’s Navy Federal Credit Union account or mailing a check.

Update contact information online:

Another key issue with tracking members worldwide has been that officers and directors had no way of knowing when members transferred to a different command. The “Update Your Contact Information” link on the member’s page is a convenient way for members to provide new command, IA assignment, or contact information, ensuring that the information is updated in association records, that the member is transferred to the appropriate region, and that the member is receiving information and announcements.

Interactive map with region AOR’s:

An interactive map on the member’s page displays the AOR’s of each region and provides contact information for regional directors.

Interactive blog and chat room:

The interactive blog and chat room is designed to allow members to exchange ideas, ask questions, and discuss issues affecting the legalman, JAG Corps, and paralegal communities. A book exchange section has also been added to allow members who have taken college courses to share their books with other members.

Resources, training, and advancement study material:

The “Resources” and “Training and Study Material” links are set up to provide a “one-stop-shop” for NLA members to access resources, training, and study material. With more than 50 links to online resources, 52 training power points, multiple training guides, and educational videos, legalman and paralegal related training is in one convenient location.



LCDR Ryan Torgrimson, LCDR Davin Rieke, LTJG Adrienne Mittelstaedt, and LT Dave Christenson on the flight deck of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72).

New JAGs Get a Taste of Sea Life

By LTJG Adrienne Mittelstaedt
Naval Legal Service Office Northwest

L TJG Margaret Villagran, LTJG Leigha Fassett, and I arrived at our first duty station at Naval Legal Service Office Northwest (NLSO NW) in April 2010 and within three months we were each underway with the *USS Abraham Lincoln* (CVN-72). We traded in our Naval Justice School manuals, weathered the initial seasickness and got to see the community we serve up close and personal.

We provided legal assistance and conducted administrative boards while underway for the crew of the *USS Abraham Lincoln*. Our host judge advocates on the carrier, LCDR Davin Rieke, LCDR Ryan Torgrimson, and LT Dave Christenson ensured that even with long work days involved, we could partake in a wide range of activities unique to life on a carrier. Some of the highlights included a helo ride, vulture's row view of flight operations, fantail mist at 40 knots, a bridge-view of a missile launch, and dinner with RDML Mark Guadagnini.

Perks aside, the best part our adventure was getting to know the people who serve onboard the carrier and recognizing just how different shore duty is from sea duty. It's hard not to be in awe of the hours and dedication put in, not just by the judge advocates that we served with onboard, but by every individual you pass in the P-ways. Chow was noticeably a time to commiserate about the

long days, guess about the next port and exchange stories about family back home. There was always a light-heartedness and inclusive atmosphere to it all that made each face seem more familiar and supportive.

Outside of learning the responsibilities of a judge advocate attached to a ship, we quickly learned which snacks to covet in the galley and the places to avoid during general quarters (which turns out to be almost everywhere). In the legal office, a space that seemed smaller than a mini-van at times, sharing close quarters with the same people we were up against for our administrative board, came with little adjustment. There were times when the lack of animosity towards our would-be opponents felt almost anti-climactic, and unlike the recent memories of law school. Onboard the carrier, the necessity of maintaining professionalism beyond counsel lines was an unquestionable aspect of day-to-day life, creating an environment unparalleled to any I have experienced in the civilian realm.

It's clear the *USS Abraham Lincoln* and NLSO NW have a close working-relationship. From January to July alone, NLSO NW staff, coordinated by Everett Branch head LT Andrew Murray, executed more than 120 wills, conducted 14 administrative boards and 617 Sailors onboard the *USS Abraham Lincoln* received one-on-one legal assistance. Seeing first-hand how those numbers really play out during our underway left a lasting impression and I'm proud to say it's only the beginning.



From Ship To Shore, and Now the Courtroom

Navy Judge Advocates Admitted to Practice Civil Law in Virginia

By LTJG Adrienne Sadosky
Naval Legal Services Office Mid-Atlantic

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Honorable Leroy Rountree Hassell, Sr., administered the oath to admit two judge advocates of the Expanded Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) into the Virginia Bar in June. LT Jamal Rhadbane and LT Lauren Mayo, both licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, are the first two ELAP judge advocates permitted to represent military members with legal assistance issues before Virginia courts.

LT Rhadbane and LT Mayo will provide their services within the scope of Supreme Court Rule 1A:6. This rule authorizes military lawyers admitted to practice law in a state other than Virginia to represent eligible service members in civil court. The purpose of Rule 1A:6 and ELAP is to provide legal representation to those service members, who find themselves in a financial-legal limbo—making too much to qualify for traditional legal aid,

but not enough to afford counsel without financial hardship.

Service members qualifying for the ELAP have additional hardships in that many of them have recently graduated from boot camp without family support or life experience to guide them. Additionally, some of the qualifying service members move every three to four years. ELAP attorneys master Virginia's laws and procedures to serve as an anchor for the transient military lifestyle. The military attorneys champion service members who are frequent targets of exploitation. Unscrupulous lenders and landlords often find service members' steady paychecks tempting for unfair practices. The primary focus of the ELAP practice will be consumer litigation with the first cases being against automobile dealerships that went out of business without fulfilling contracts and paying off service members' trade-in vehicles.

To qualify as an ELAP attorney a candidate must apply to the Virginia Board

of Bar Examiners (VBBE) for certification that they are fit to perform the obligations and responsibilities of a practicing attorney in the Commonwealth. Once the ELAP candidate has received notice of eligibility from the VBBE, a licensed Virginia attorney may sponsor the candidate's request for the Court to admit him or her to the State Bar. The Access to Legal Services Department, the Virginia Poverty Law Center, and others in the Virginia Bar worked with the Navy to put into practice ELAP and bring justice within the reach of Service members.

In times of peace and war, service member readiness is important to mission accomplishment. While tasked with protecting the nation's security, young service members often do not focus on the legal readiness that is related to completing their mission. The representation provided to military personnel in the Hampton Roads area will assist the service members in resolving legal issues and maintaining legal readiness.



LT Lauren Mayo, LT Mary Murphy, LT Jamal Rhadbane, and NLSO Mid-Atlantic Commanding Officer CAPT Michael Palmer at the Virginia State Bar Association.



Chief Judge Andrew Effron of the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces welcomes guests to the 100th anniversary ceremony.

Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Courthouse

By Jen Zeldis
Public Affairs Officer

The Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF) held a special session of court to commemorate the 100th anniversary of their courthouse Oct. 1. The courthouse was built in 1910 and was formerly the home of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts attended the ceremony and assisted Chief Judge of CAAF Andrew Effron and Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit David Sentelle in the unveiling of a commemorative plaque highlighting the courts that occupied the building during its first century from 1910 to 2010.

The plaque also lists the names of all the judges who have served in the courthouse during its first 100 years including the 20 D.C. Circuit judges and the 21 CAAF/Court of Military Appeals (CMA) judges.

Chief Judge Effron opened the ceremony and welcomed the distinguished visitors and guests. The courthouse was filled with a variety of members of each service and the general public.



Deputy Judge Advocate General RADM Nanette DeRenzi speaks with guest at the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces 100th Anniversary reception.

Next, CAAF Judge Scott Stucky provided a history of the courthouse, explaining the building started as the courthouse for the D.C. circuit and became the CMA courthouse after a deal was struck between President Harry Truman and the first chief judge of the CMA.

Professor Steven Goldblatt of Georgetown Law gave a presentation about the significant case heard in the courthouse. Following a disclaimer that he would not be able to address every single important cases, he chose a few important cases that provided an entertaining story for the gathered audience.

Since Oct. 31, 1952, the CAAF has been located in Judiciary Square in the federal courthouse.



Legal conference gathers 100+ from 35 countries

By Jason Tudor
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Legal professionals from across Europe, Central Asia and the United States gathered to discuss issues ranging from the NATO Status of Forces Agreement to education Sept. 13-17 in Budapest.

The International Legal Conference, jointly sponsored by U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, gathered better than 100 people from 34 countries. The conference also brought two participants from Russia, who participated in discussion and attended breakout sessions.

In a video message to the group, ADM James Stavridis, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, kicked off the conference by outlining his top priority which he called "lawfare." He defined it as a point of integration between law, terrorism and warfare; "that nexus of law, terrorism and combat.

"And we need you to parse that so that those of us who are operators stay on the right side of those activities," he said. He also praised the work judge advocates do for the military services around the world. "I very much value and appreci-

ate all that you bring to the profession of the law and to the important work that we do in the European theater."

The week-long event included briefings about European energy security issues, civil-military relations, inspector general systems and more. Briefers included the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy, RADM Nanette M. DeRenzi, James E. Baker, a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and Lynne Halbrooks, the principal deputy inspector general for the Department of Defense.

Kirk Samson, legal engagement coordinator for USEUCOM and one of the conference organizers, said he felt the talks and networking among professionals hit the mark.

"We're making good progress on getting our allies to work on legal issues now and to coordinate and communi-

cate with each other in a friendly, collegial manner," he said. "Some great discussions all around."

The NATO Status of Forces Agreement took center stage more than once throughout the week. Serge Lazareff, one of the architects of the agreement, was on hand for the discussions. A panel discussion on the future of the NATO SOFA followed.

The goals of the conference included integration, discussion, consultation and, where needed, resolution of many issues. CAPT Lindy Bunn, the newly appointed staff judge advocate for USEUCOM who served as the moderator for the week, said each session built on the command's goal of "stronger together."

"We want to find collective solutions to challenges before they become crises so that we can move forward in the coalition building process," said CAPT Bunn.

In providing a warfighter's perspective, RADM Charles Martoglio, USEUCOM chief of staff, defined how important lawyers were in a number of processes, including wartime target selection. "It is in times like this that the world looks to people like us," he said. "What will be demanded of you in the future will only grow in complexity."

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Southwest U.S. Passport Fair

By LT Liam Connel
Region Legal Service Office Southwest, Detachment Lemoore

Region Legal Service Office Southwest (RLSO SW) supported the U.S. Department of State (DOS) with its second annual U.S. Passport Fair at the Navy Exchange on board Naval Base San Diego Aug. 7. RLSO SW coordinated the successful event, including advertising and logistics. Surpassing last year's event, the DOS provided passport services for 307 service members, family members, retirees, and DOD personnel. Participants made passport inquiries, applied for or renewed U.S. Passport Books and U.S. Passport Cards. Ten DOS employees staffed the event to provide the military community a convenient opportunity to apply for travel documents. U.S. Passport fairs will be planned at other installations in the future.

